

### REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were allowed in the parent application. Claims 17-19 were withdrawn. New claims 20-25 are hereby presented. Each claim defines an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited art. Favorable consideration of this case is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

Respectfully submitted,



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